

Project: Connecting Me to You: An Oral History Initiative

Project Partnership: West Parry Sound District Museum and the University of Toronto

Project Outline: *Connecting Me to You* is an initiative that aims to collect oral interviews from local West Parry Sound District residents. The Museum is asking our amazing community to help us capture more of the area's history by interviewing your family members. The audio recordings developed through this project will help future generations understand what life was like for their ancestors, and will be made accessible for researchers coming into the Museum thanks to Dr. Sali A. Tagliamonte with the University of Toronto.

Dr. Sali A. Tagliamonte will transcribe the audio recordings from each interview, turning the oral histories into text data that can be searched on the computer. Tagliamonte will also be studying the interviews, analyzing the content for an upcoming book she is writing on the history, culture and language of Ontario.

The oral histories produced through this project will be preserved within the Museum's permanent collection, and held in public trust.

What You Have To Do:

- Print off and read the **Interview Guidelines & Tips pdf**
- Select a family member to interview and have them fill out the **Interview Consent Form** attached below
- Come up with questions to ask during your interview
- Find a quiet spot to conduct your interview
- Conduct the interview - don't forget to do an audio recording on a smartphone or computer
- Submit the recording and *Interview Consent Form* to the Museum - We will do the rest from here!

Once the material is submitted to the Museum, it will be sent to the University of Toronto where it will be transcribed and turned into searchable text data. The interviews will then be added to the Museum's collections database, where they will be made accessible to outside researchers. Participants will receive a copy of their audio interview and transcription upon its return to the Museum.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the *Connecting Me to You* initiative, please feel free to contact West Parry Sound District Museum staff.

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